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Bush reveals new U.S. Middle East peace bid

BAHRAIN (Reuters). - U.S. Vice President George Bush, at the midway point in a four-nation tour of Arab Gulf states, said yesterday that the U.S. is pursuing a new initiative to try to bring peace to the Middle East.

He told a news conference he was "not at liberty" to give details. But he noted that Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, the State Department's top Middle East trouble-shooter, had left his party in Saudi Arabia to go on to Egypt and Israel.

Murphy, who had been scheduled to accompany Bush throughout his tour of the Gulf region, stopped off in Cairo yesterday and later arrived in Israel, where he declined to comment on his mission.

Murphy went straight to a meeting with Foreign Ministry Director-General David Kimche.

The vice president called Murphy's departure "a signal that we are taking up again an active pursuit of some solution."

Bush told reporters: "Let's just hope some reason will prevail on finding a solution to the Palestinian problem."

Asked if the U.S. has some new plan to solve the problem, Bush used the term "initiative." He said, "there is no new plan."

Donald Gregg, the vice president's national security adviser, said there seemed to be "an opportunity to make some progress in one of the

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Peres receives peace message from Mubarak

Prime Minister Peres yesterday received an oral message from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who he met with Egyptian Minister of State Butros Ghali in the Foreign Ministry.

In his message, Mubarak expressed his desire to advance peace. Ghali told Peres that Egypt not only wants peace, but believes it is an "essential need."



Egypt's Minister of State in the Foreign Ministry, Butros Ghali (far left) watches as Premier Peres returns to his seat after speaking at last night's opening of the Labour Party convention. (Gustavo Feinblatt)

Peres: Israel recognizes Palestinians as a nation

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Post Political Reporter

Prime Minister Peres extended an unmistakably dovish hand of peace to Israel's Arab neighbours last night, affirming that Israel recognizes the Palestinians "as a nation," and offering to hold dialogue with Jordan at any level, "openly or quietly."

Delivering the keynote address at the opening of the Labour Party's national convention at Binyanei Ha'uma in Jerusalem, Peres said that Israel was attempting to "gather together several parallel efforts" as a means of developing a "peace strategy."

Israel, he said, was ready for both interim arrangements and a permanent settlement on the West Bank. He alluded to Israel's readiness to "discuss a common roof and to discuss a permanent floor" - a reference, possibly, to an international umbrella for peace talks.

He also alluded to ongoing negotiating efforts, saying that "according to what is known to me, [King Hussein of Jordan] has not despaired of the prospects of peace."

Addressing the Palestinians, he said: "We do not intend to handle the dispute between us by means of brute force or by intimidation. You won't persuade us with terror, and we have no intention of persuading you with war." The only possible path was dialogue, he said.

Peres called for the "speedy conclusion of the discussions over Tabat arbitration, in order to remove that obstacle and release the necessary energies for peace."

He informed the residents of the administered territories that Israel "will make an effort to create interim conditions for an interim arrangement." He added that Israel would be prepared to grant additional self-rule to the residents of the territories, and suggested that a start could be made in Gaza.

Peres even offered the hand of peace to Syria, saying that Israel would be prepared to discuss additional arrangements "to prevent unwanted flare-ups," and would be a willing partner to unconditional peace talks "if and when Syria is prepared to deal with us."

President Herzog lamented the decline of "big thoughts and big

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Labour opens convention in fighting mood

Political crisis intensifies

Likud leaders feel Peres has sealed gov't's fate

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. - Vice Premier Shamir branded Prime Minister Peres's public undertaking at the Labour convention last night to sack Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i "a most serious statement which has hastened the demise of this government," adding, "I now fear for its fate."

Shamir and the entire Likud leadership feel that Peres's speech sealed the fate of the national unity government, highly-placed Likud sources told *The Jerusalem Post*. They said that in his speech Peres had rung the coalition's death-knell.

The sources explained that all hope that the crisis would somehow dissipate faded after the speech, as it would now be all but impossible for Peres to back down from his publicly-proclaimed resolve. The Likud, for its part, would find it almost impossible to back down from its vow to block Moda'i's removal.

All this did not deter self-

PM makes position clear - Moda'i must quit

By ROY ISACOWITZ
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Prime Minister Peres last night threw down the gauntlet to the Likud, telling a capacity audience at the opening of the Labour Party national convention that he would not back down from his intention to dismiss Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i.

Peres's unequivocal statements deepened the coalition crisis that erupted earlier this week after Moda'i criticized the prime minister and his policies in two newspapers interviews. The crisis is expected to come to a head at the weekly cabinet meeting on Sunday.

Vice Premier Shamir, who was present at the opening of the convention, said afterwards that Peres's words had brought the demise of the government closer (see adjacent story). Opinion in the Likud is unanimous that Moda'i should not become the victim of the unity government, MK Avraham Shapira, the self-appointed mediator in the crisis, said yesterday.

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MKs on both sides proclaim parties are ready for elections

By ASHER WALLFISH
Alignment and Likud MKs were adamant yesterday that their leaders would go up to and over the brink in the confrontation between Prime Minister Peres and Finance Minister Moda'i, whom Peres wants to dismiss. Both sides insisted that they did not want elections, but said that they were ready for them if there was no alternative. In the current war of nerves, observers regarded such posturing as inevitable.

But the crisis between the two major parties in the national unity government made no major impact on the mood in the Knesset yesterday.

Thanks to the row over the private member's bills advocating the introduction of summer time, the small number of MKs present had their attention diverted from the threat to the coalition's stability and the rotation agreement, and focused instead on the desire for revenge against Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz, the man who has held the clock back, and his Shas faction.

MKs said yesterday, as they had said on Monday, that the crisis between Peres and Moda'i was raging above their heads. They told *The Jerusalem Post* that their ability to speculate on a wide range of scenarios did not mean they understood what had already happened or what was likely to happen before Sunday's cabinet session when Peres is due to hand Moda'i a letter of dismissal.

Alignment MKs agreed that Peres had evidently turned against Moda'i in an emotional reaction, rather than in a calculated move. But they insisted that Peres had had more than enough of Moda'i's unpredictable vacillations since the coalition was formed.

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Peres balanced his determination to fire Moda'i with a strong expression of support for the continuation of the unity government. In so doing, he put the Likud in the position of having to choose between its loyalty to Moda'i and the continuation of the coalition.

Implementation of the rotation agreement is "conditional on the honouring of the other clauses of the agreement and understandings," Peres said. He went on to explain, in a precise and legalistic manner, that, in his opinion, Moda'i's statements had constituted an infringement of the agreement.

Last November, after the "bitter experience" of Industry Minister Ariel Sharon's criticism of the premier, Peres wrote a letter to all members of the government in which he said that "a minister whose style does not allow cooperation, a minister who publicly opposes government decisions and actions, [who publicly expresses himself] against

Pakistan, Israel 'collaborate to fight Tamil guerrillas'

NEW DELHI (AP). - Israel and Pakistan are working "hand-in-hand" to help the Sri Lankan government fight Tamil separatist guerrillas, Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi charged here yesterday.

"This is an extraordinary situation," Gandhi said during a parliamentary debate. "Politics make strange bedfellows."

Gandhi did not elaborate on the Israeli and Pakistani involvement in Sri Lanka, an island nation off India's southern tip.

However, Sri Lankan officials have acknowledged that government troops have received anti-guerrilla training and arms from both countries.

New Delhi last month accused Sri Lankan troops of human rights violations against the island's minority Tamils.

Israeli consular official held for calling home free from U.S.

HACKENSACK, New Jersey (AP). - A detective's report that people were lining up for pay phones in a Sears store led to the discovery of a computer error that allowed free telephone calls to Israel, officials say.

Many of the callers apparently had read an article in a small, unidentified Jewish newspaper that people could "come to Hackensack and try the phenomenon of using a pay phone and call home for nothing," detective captain Emil Caestresio said on Monday.

Police said an Israeli diplomat and his wife were arrested for allegedly taking advantage of the problem and making a free two-hour call to Israel from the public phone in a department store.

Hannan Moked, 43, and his wife Ilana, 42, arrested Saturday, face theft of services charges filed by the New Jersey Bell Telephone Co. for a \$104.82 call, police were quoted as saying. The charge carries a maximum penalty of a \$1,000 fine.

Police identified Moked as an Israeli vice consul to the UN.

Baruch Binah, press spokesman for the Israeli consulate, confirmed that Moked is "a member of our consul."

The Mokedes were released without bail on the advice of Richard Gookin, assistant chief of protocol for the State Department, police said. Gookin said a diplomat can be charged with a crime if there is the apparent intention to violate a law and if the act does not involve diplomatic duties.

Police said recordings were made of many free calls, though they would not be more specific, and said more arrests were expected.

MKs' summer time revolt runs out of steam

By ASHER WALLFISH
and ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Staff

A parliamentary revolt was mounted yesterday against Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz's decision not to introduce summer time, but it did not manage to keep up steam, partly because Peretz persuaded coalition chairman Haim Kaufman to intervene, and partly because Labour MKs were attending their party convention.

The preliminary reading began in the Knesset of seven private bills making summer time official government policy, and removing the need for the interior minister to introduce it on an annual basis. The reading was not concluded, and it was not clear if the discussion would continue today.

Meanwhile, six business organizations petitioned the High Court of Justice yesterday to reverse Peretz's decision not to declare summer time. This petition will be heard today, along with a similar application filed last week by MK Micha Harish (Alignment) and Tel Aviv attorney Yehuda Roessler.

The parliamentary revolt began in the morning when Yossi Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement) got the House Committee to unanimously approve the holding of the preliminary reading yesterday.

Some of the private bills had been tabled on Monday; the rest were tabled yesterday.

The actual House Committee decision was to waive the statutory two-day waiting period between tabling and preliminary reading. While the House Committee makes this concession from time to time for a government bill, there was no recollection of it ever having been done before for a private member's bill.

Nobody voted against the waiver of the waiting period in the House Committee. The chairman, Micha Reisser (Likud), and David Danino (National Religious Party) abstained.

Reisser, despite his abstention, favours parliamentary action to speed the introduction of summer time in defiance of Peretz, and cooperated with Sarid in the unprecedented procedure.

Sarid got speaker Shlomo Hillel to summon the presidium and schedule the preliminary readings of the bills for the afternoon.

When Peretz heard how the House Committee was stealing a march on him, he asked Kaufman to summon the coalition executive, which had not been consulted as it should have been according to accepted procedure, and block the move.

Kaufman, who felt slighted, accused the Alignment of bearing the main responsibility for the House Committee move, calling them

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'Post' correspondent Haim Shapiro reports from Rome

Pope's synagogue visit compared to Sadat's trip to Jerusalem

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than ever before, though it is still not as prevalent as in Germany or France.

As Coen is the first to admit, this anti-Semitism, which he regards as the same as anti-Zionism, comes not from Catholic circles but from left-wing groups. Moreover, the Italian left has a cultural influence that far outweighs its actual numbers.

Coen stresses that the visit is an act of courage on the part of the pope.

A week before the pope visits the Rome synagogue, 50 representatives of the city's 18,000 Jews were yesterday staging a dress rehearsal with a dozen directors.

All present had been assigned tasks and organized into a dozen ad hoc committees (press office, ceremonies, invitations, programme, etc.) All were trying to refrain from giving advice on the best way to prepare the synagogue for the great event.

Outside, on the Lungotevere, stray photographers were busy immortalizing what was already immortal - the synagogue's plaques commemorating the martyrdom of 8,000 Italian Jews who perished in Nazi camps.

German defence minister seeks to boost technical exchanges

TEL AVIV. - Visiting German Defence Minister Manfred Woerner is seeking to arrange exchanges of technological information with Israel, an aide to the minister told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

The aide, captain Ulrich Hundt, said transfer of technology "is a very promising field."

No spectacular projects are expected, he cautioned. Germany cannot sell arms to Israel for political reasons, and anyway Israel is developing its own tank and jet fighter, so it does not need the Leopard or the Tornado. However, the software in modern weapons is the important and expensive element - and the option of exchanging know-how on these items is desirable to both sides.

Hundt's remarks followed the minister's visit to the Merkava plant on Monday and a tour of the Israel Aircraft Industries yesterday (photograph p.2). At the IAI he was briefed on the Lavi, reconnaissance planes and guided short-range missiles. The guests were particularly impressed with developments Israel had made in computers and homing devices.

Hundt said Israel had an advantage in being a Western country with knowledge of the capabilities of Soviet-bloc weaponry. The implication was that Israel has also been studying ways to counter those weapons, and that Germany would like to benefit from that experience.

Yesterday, Woerner also visited the Uvda base where air force men demonstrated a scramble. The German party then helicoptered to the central Negev for an exercise.

10 hurt as petrol bomb hits bus bound for Neve Ya'acov

By JOEL GREENBERG

Ten people were injured, one of them seriously, when a petrol bomb was last night thrown through the back window of a packed Egged bus bound for the north Jerusalem suburb of Neve Ya'acov.

The No. 25 bus was attacked at about 7.15 p.m. shortly after it pulled away from a bus stop in the Arab suburb of Shuafat. The bomb shattered the back window and exploded inside setting fleeing passengers alight.

A spokeswoman at Hadassah Hospital on Mt. Scopus said that Rachel Shvili, 40, had serious burns and that Uri Binyamin, 23, and Sinai Binyamin, 26, had suffered moderate burns. Other passengers were treated for shock, smoke inhalation and cuts caused by broken glass.

Police detained 17 people near the scene of the attack.

Passengers said they had heard the explosion and seen the flash of flame in the back of the bus shortly after a group of passengers got off at Shuafat.

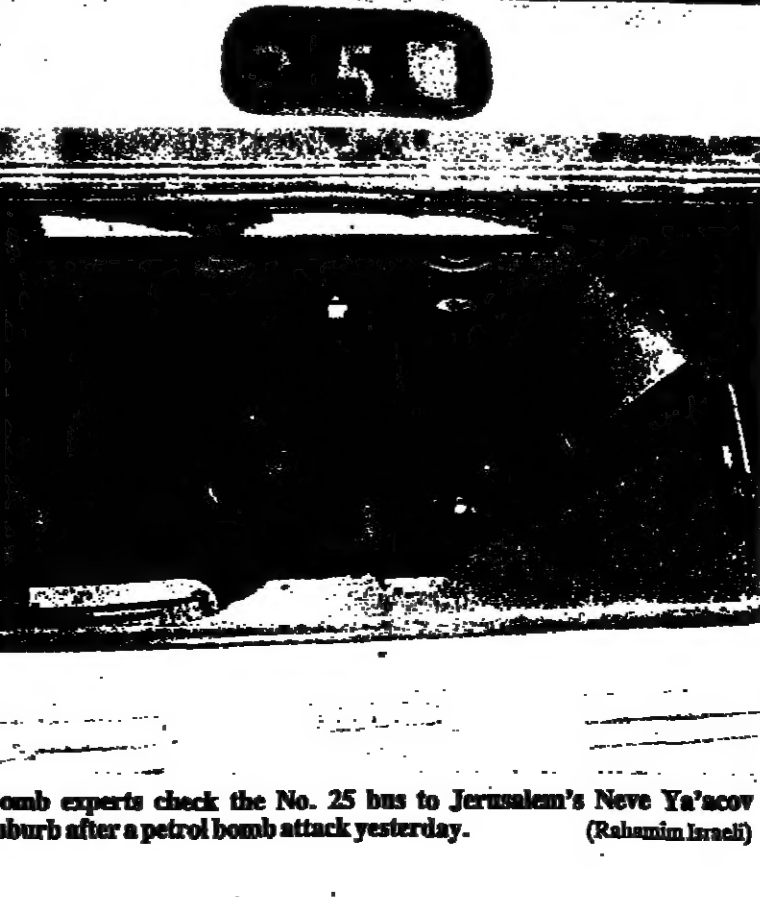
There was a fire in the bus, people were screaming. I broke open the doors and everyone got off as quickly as possible," said Levy, the bus driver. "Three passengers came out in flames. We rolled them over on the ground and smothered the flames with our sweaters," said Ehad Abres, a soldier.

An hour after the incident, traffic was back to normal along the Jerusalem-Ramallah road.

Earlier, a bomb had been discovered and dismantled by police sappers at a bus stop near French Hill, some few hundred metres to the south on the same road.

Yesterday morning, bombs went off in Afula and Haifa, with a soldier lightly injured in the Afula blast. Both charges were placed near the sites of previous terror bombs.

In an announcement from Tunis, the PLO last night said it had been responsible for the Afula blast.



Bomb experts check the No. 25 bus to Jerusalem's Neve Ya'acov suburb after a petrol bomb attack yesterday. (Rahumim Israeli)

The weather at major Swissair destinations

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Elat	48/12-19	48/12-19	48/12-19

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

President Herzog yesterday hosted a reception at Beit Hanesani for participants at the conference on Military Strength in Today's World. Experts from the U.S., Britain, France, West Germany, Italy and Israel attended.

The commanding officers of the two U.S. Sixth Fleet ships visiting Haifa, Commander Dave Sargent of the USS Farragut and Lt. Cdr. Silas Thorne of the USS Edenton, were received in the Town Hall by deputy mayor Shimon Rudik yesterday.

Shlomo Tany has been re-elected chairman of the board of Acum, the Israeli Copyright Association of Composers and Music Editors. Composer Arye Levanon has been elected deputy chairman.

A special lecture to mark the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the Paul Ehrlich Wing in the Arnold R. Meyer Institute of Biological Sciences at the Weizmann Institute of Science was given yesterday by Prof. Jiri Svejcar of the Institut für Humangenetik Klinikum der Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität, Frankfurt. Prof. Svejcar spoke on: "Paul Ehrlich - the Scientist and the Man."

Tal Cohen, a young emissary to the U.S., is to speak on his impressions of American youth at the weekly meeting of the Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 o'clock in the YMCA today.

The Haifa Rotary Club is to hold a business meeting in the Nof Hotel at 1 o'clock today.

\$472m. deficit

Israel's trade deficit in the first quarter of 1986 was \$472 million, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported yesterday, adding that this was 7.5 per cent more than the deficit in the last quarter of 1985.

The figures showed that in the first three months of 1986, exports of merchandise had totalled \$1,688m. and imports \$2,160m. The bureau said March exports amounted to \$672m.

The CBI show that, in the last quarter, total exports were 2 per cent lower than in the previous quarter.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

Top Cairo politicians at Israel envoy's home:

Eban warmly received in Egyptian capital

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Egypt's leading statesmen gathered yesterday at Ambassador Moshe Sasson's home in Cairo for a reception in honour of Abba Eban, chairman of the Knesset's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Eban, invited to Egypt by President Mubarak's political adviser Osama el Baz, brought Mubarak a letter and an oral message from Prime Minister Peres, delivered during an hour-long meeting at Mubarak's home on Monday.

In contrast to previous visits to Egypt by other Israeli political leaders, which have been largely ignored by the press, news of Eban's visit and a photograph of his meeting with Mubarak were splashed on the front pages of Egypt's leading papers yesterday. "It's the first time that such a welcome has been extended to an Israeli in five years. I was very favourably impressed by everything. In two days, meetings were arranged

for me with every central figure," Eban told *The Jerusalem Post* by phone from Cairo last night.

Eban noted that the publicity given to his visit had been the result

of a government decision. Among those at Sasson's reception for Eban were former prime minister Kamal Hassan Ali, Deputy Premier Yusuf Wali, Energy Minister Abdul Kindil, Electricity Minister Maher Mabada, and Foreign Ministry bureau chief and diplomatic centre president Abdul Latif.

In a free-wheeling conversation with Eban, they put forward ideas for Egyptian-Israeli cooperation when the time was ripe.

Eban said that Mubarak and all other statesmen he spoke to had stressed their support of the peace treaty with Israel, and their refusal to heed those both in and outside Egypt who advocated abandoning the treaty.

On Monday, Eban lectured to senior Egyptian Foreign Ministry officials. He said that five of the seven diplomats who attended a discussion after the lecture referred to his articles on Israeli-Egyptian affairs published in *The Post* in the past few weeks. "Apparently, they are avid readers of *The Post*," he said. Eban was due back in Israel last night.

Cairo minister applauded in Jerusalem

Post Political Correspondent

Egyptian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali evoked applause at the festive opening of the Labour party convention last night.

Ovations greeted his arrival at the head of the Egyptian National Democratic Party delegation, and mention of his presence and Israel's desire to further peace with Egypt, by both Premier Peres and Labour Secretary-General Uzi Baran.

Ghali was accompanied by Labour's international department director Israel Gat and Egyptian chargé d'affaires Mohammed Bassoumy. The Egyptian minister told *The Jerusalem Post* that his meeting earlier yesterday with Peres had been "very good." The two will probably meet again before Ghali returns to Cairo. Ghali will attend the convention's sessions in Tel Aviv today. Tomorrow he is due to call on President Herzog and meet Vice Premier and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Apart from Ghali, more than 20 foreign delegations have arrived for the convention. The largest contingent is from West Germany's Social Democratic Party.

'New document proves he's a liar' - WJC

Chancellor says Waldheim's credibility has been damaged

Jerusalem Post Correspondent and Agencies

VIENNA - Austrian Chancellor Fred Sinowatz said yesterday that former UN secretary-general Kurt Waldheim's credibility had been damaged regardless of what might emerge from a UN file on his World War II activities.

Sinowatz, whose Socialist Party backs a rival to Waldheim in Austria's May 4 presidential elections, was speaking to reporters a day after

outgoing President Rudolf Kirchschläger asked to see UN War Crimes Commission documents on Waldheim.

The file is to be examined today at the UN by Karl Fischer, Austria's UN ambassador, and Thomas Klestil, ambassador in Washington. They will report to Kirchschläger, the president's spokesman said.

The New York-based World Jewish Congress (WJC) has said Waldheim was involved in war crimes in

the Balkans, a charge he denies. Waldheim has also denied knowing of Jewish deportations to death camps from the area.

The WJC on Monday night released two new documents to support its claim against Waldheim.

WJC Secretary-General Israel Singer produced the front page of an issue of *Donauzeitung* dated July 26, 1944, which he described as the only German newspaper in the Balkans, carrying a large photograph of

crowds of Jews being herded into the main square of Salonika for deportation.

"He says he didn't know what was happening. It was in the German press, in black and white," Singer said.

At a news conference in London, Singer said that the document, which he described as "most damaging," reveals Waldheim as "frankly being a liar."

"We don't want to cut ties to Jewish people"

Ethiopian elders wed couples that rabbinate turned away

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Fifteen Ethiopian Jewish couples were married here yesterday, in a ceremony conducted by the community's religious elders after the rabbinate had refused to marry them.

The couples had been unwilling to undergo the symbolic conversion to Judaism by ritual immersion that the rabbinate has demanded of all Ethiopian Jews wanting to marry.

Hundreds of Ethiopian Jews, dressed traditionally in white, came to the Gil wedding hall here for all over the country for the celebration.

At the beginning of the week, the elders, or *kessim*, issued a statement saying they were forced to perform the ceremony to preserve the couples' honour, at least in the eyes of their own community. The *kessim* stressed that they did not intend to separate the Ethiopian community

from the rest of the Jewish people.

The ceremony was conducted in Gezi, the language used by the Ethiopian Jews for religious purposes. At the beginning of the ceremony, the elders tied traditional red and white ribbons around the grooms' heads. The white symbolizes the joy of the wedding, and the red stands for the honour of the virgin bride. The ceremony was held under a *hupa*, but no glass was broken, as is traditional among other Jewish communities.

President Herzog, ministers, Knesset members and other public figures were invited to the wedding. But the only such invited dignitary to attend was former Supreme Court justice Haim Cohn, chairman of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel. Acri and Na'amat representatives said their organizations would help the couples fight for legal recognition of their marriages.

BUSH

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[central] issues that had been hung up for some time."

Wolf Blitzer adds from Washington: U.S. officials yesterday played down the notion that the Reagan administration is about to embark on a major new Arab-Israeli peace initiative.

They were reacting to news reports about Bush's comments in Bahrain.

U.S. officials said the administration was more anxious right now to shore up Israeli-Egyptian relations, especially in connection with the Taba dispute. They were con-

siderably less confident of any major breakthrough on the broader peace process.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman, apparently seeking to change the impression left from Bush's public comments, quoted the vice president as "specifically" saying that Murphy "did not have a new peace plan."

Redman said that Murphy, in his talks, would discuss other issues related to the peace process, including "regional economic development and ways to advance Egyptian-Israeli relations."

Rubinstein jury chooses 13 for stage two

TEL AVIV. - Thirteen, rather than the expected 12, of the 34 competitors in the Rubinstein Piano Competition were chosen by the jury yesterday to go forward to stage two.

The 13 who qualified are Angela Chang, Canada; Thomas Dale, West Germany; Konrad Elmer, West Germany; Matthias Fetscher, Austria; Bernd Glesner, West Germany; Arthur Greene, U.S.; Panyia Lynn, U.S.; Silke-Thora Mathies, West Germany; Karoly Mocart, Hungary; Kathryn Sobhy, Australia; Arnan Weiss, Israel; Hans-Christian Will, West Germany; and Zohar, Israel.

Young, confident Labour Party awards Peres victor's crown

By MARK SEGAL

Post Political Correspondent

Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar caught the mood of the Labour Party convention last night, declaring, as he shared the sense of elation that swept the thousands of delegates in the capital's Binyanei Ha'uma. "The party has regained its self-confidence."

After years of feeling the party was languishing in the doldrums, and years of hesitating to admit that they were Labour Party members, delegates felt they could proclaim their loyalties from the rooftops.

The tumultuous ovation that engulfed Prime Minister Peres, swelling towards the podium from the tiered rows of delegates, was their way of thanking him for having led them out of the political wilderness. For Peres, that must have been a rare moment of personal triumph. For years he had to fight internal challenges. But last night, the convention crowned him with the victor's laurels, and party Secretary-General Uzi Baran gave him almost sole credit for having restored Labour's fortunes.

Peres offered a statesmanlike

address, but the delegates appeared to prefer the taste of Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i's blood to the premier's vision of peace and high-tech. Moda'i was conspicuous by his absence.

Baram, who conducted the proceedings, deserved his own round of applause. It is above all his convention. It was Baram who worked to open his party's ranks, so that, last night, one-third of the delegates were new and young faces, mainly the sons and daughters of those who came here in the 1950s from North Africa and Asia.

Buoyed by the masses of new faces, many veteran Labourites felt for the first time in many years that it was just like the "old days," with all the symbols of statehood - the presidency, the premiership and the office of Knesset Speaker again in the party's hands.

The leadership and the delegates did their best to make Vice Premier Shamir feel comfortable. Mention of his name by Peres and Baram brought warm applause. But, after arousing an initial flutter of curiosity, Industry Minister Ariel Sharon was generally ignored.

Giant of Yiddish theatre

Lovers of Yiddish theatre all over the world will never forget Pesach Burstein, who died last Sunday, weeks short of his 86th birthday. They will always remember with love and nostalgia his unfailing ability to make them laugh and cry.

Burstein, together with his wife Lillian Lux and their twins Mike and Susan, sang and danced all over the world. He never seemed to tire or give in to old age. Just before his death he was seriously considering the production of a new Yiddish musical comedy.

Born in Warsaw, Burstein was one of the last of Eastern Europe's strolling players, who wandered from town to town and from country to country. Most of them were from poverty-stricken ghetto families. Leading a nomadic life, they found it advantageous to marry within their profession and to bring up their children to contribute to their act.

While in his teens, "Pesachke" hooped from *shetl* to *shetl* until his career took off in Warsaw, where he sang in a movie house and assisted a magician. He soon went on to bigger things by singing, whistling and dancing his way through revues and musical comedies. By the time he reached Broadway in 1923, he had



Pesach Burstein

already made a name for himself throughout Eastern Europe.

These were the great days of the Yiddish Theatre in America, when New York had 14 playhouses on Second Avenue. Pesachke played with the greatest Jewish actors of the time: Boris Thomashefsky, Ludwig Satz, Morris Schwartz, Rudolph Schildkraut, Jacob Adler, and so on.

He came here for his first visit in 1954, and Israel became the family's home away from home. In 1963 they achieved their greatest triumph in the *Meigile*, Itzik Manger's Purim poem which became a sensation in Israel and a hit on Broadway.

When Yiddish audiences declined in numbers, Burstein achieved a *mamelushin* revival. He found that many people attended his performances in search of their roots, even though their Yiddish was poor. He was proud of his son Mike, who followed in his footsteps, drawing large audiences in many countries.

A.Z.



West German Defence Minister Manfred Woerner gets a close look at the cockpit of the Lavi fighter at the Israeli Aircraft Industries yesterday.

Beit Shemesh Engines to stay open despite losses

By AVI TEMKIN

Post Economic Reporter

Beit Shemesh Engines, losing up to \$1 million monthly and recently threatened with closure, will remain open, the Ministerial Economics Committee decided yesterday.

The committee also decided to study the idea of appointing a receiver to run the ailing company.

At a meeting of the committee two weeks ago, Finance Minister Moda'i and Defence Minister Rabin proposed cutting off government subsidies to the firm. The proposal could have led to the closure of the firm and the dismissal of its remaining 700 workers.

Some 500 of the firm's workers were demonstrating outside the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem during the meeting, and burst into cheers when they heard that the company would continue operating. A sub-committee consisting of Moda'i, Rabin, Economics Minister

Ya'acobi, Industry Minister Sharon, Energy Minister Shahal and Minister-without-Portfolio Arens was set up to examine alternatives for the firm's future.

The ministerial committee was told yesterday that Beit Shemesh Engines is currently losing \$500,000-\$1m. monthly. Last year it received \$21m. in government aid.

Moda'i added that Pratt and Whitney, the U.S. company that owns 40 per cent of the firm may exercise its option to ask for the return of its \$10m. investment if a receiver is appointed. He added that he was nevertheless favoured such a solution.

In a related development, the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday approved the transfer of NIS 16.8 million (\$11.2m.) to Israel Shipyards to keep it running.

Shipyards receiver Amram Blum told the committee that there are no signs of new orders, and that it will continue accumulating losses.

12 die in Lebanon bombings

Jerusalem Post Reporter and Agencies

Twelve people were killed in two car bomb attacks in Lebanon yesterday.

In the Christian port of Jounieh, a car packed with an estimated 75 kilograms of explosives blew up 50 metres from President Amin Jemayel's Phalange Party offices, killing 10 people and wounding 110.

Two Lebanese were killed in the security zone in Southern Lebanon near Hatzbaya when a white Mercedes, laden with 100 kilos of explosives, approached a South Lebanese Army roadblock. The driver acti-

vated the bomb and died in the attack. Security sources say he may have been a member of the Lebanese Communist Party. The other fatality was a local civilian. Not far away, hundreds of people were shopping in a marketplace.

SLA forces sealed the area and evacuated the wounded.

This was the first car bomb attack in some months in the security zone. In the Jounieh bombing, officials reported that 10 charred bodies had been dragged from beneath the rubble of two high-rise commercial centres.

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and the family in Israel and abroad

Floods in south

BEERSHEBA (Itim). - The Tse'elim road was closed to all vehicles except heavy trucks yesterday when the rain-swollen Nahal Tse'elim flooded a bridge across the stream near Kibbutz Urin. Also flooded was the Arad-Sdom road.

Other, often dry, river beds in the Negev and Arava were also transformed into torrents as a result of the heavy rain that fell on Sunday night, but no other roads were closed.

Canadian FM arrives tomorrow

Canadian Foreign Minister Joe Clark is to arrive in Israel tomorrow, returning a visit by Foreign Minister Shamir to Canada. Clark is to meet with Shamir, Prime Minister Peres and President Herzog.

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101 inmates skipped prison during 1985:

Suissa defends humanitarian approach

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
For the Jerusalem Post

"All the criticism and pressure in the world won't make me change my humanitarian approach to prisoner rehabilitation," Prisons Service Commissioner Rafi Suissa told reporters yesterday, summing up his first - often controversial - year of a four-year appointment. Suissa has 20 prisons, 250 prisoners, and 3,200 staff under his control.

Suissa has been on the defensive ever since he was appointed by Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev: he's had to defend his right to a reasonable slice of the Police Ministry budget; but most of all he's had to defend his innovative, liberal policies in the face of what some believe are damning statistics that prove them misguided.

In 1985, 101 prisoners escaped or

failed to return from home leave, compared to 77 in 1984. Suissa says this was due to an increase of some 550 in the prison population and a revision in the home leave policy which now posts a prisoner as having broken parole if he is 12 hours (rather than the former 24 hours) late back from leave.

The classic shoot-out, wall-climbing prison break no longer exists, Suissa maintains. "Our problem is with prisoners who are free to walk away. Many delay their return for a day or two. But in the end, they realize they have too many privileges to lose by not coming back." Only nine of the 101 escapees are still free, he added.

Suissa follows a 1981 recommendation that it is worth risking an occasional escape if the home leave helps the prisoner to strengthen ties

with family and community.

But the commissioner's critics say his judgment is affected by the imprisonment of his only son David on drug charges in France. They say he is too soft and permits emotional identification with prisoners to interfere with security.

"Those charges are ridiculous," said Suissa. "All the progress made to date in prisoner rehabilitation has been coupled with high security, on which we haven't compromised."

Suissa said that he had reduced by almost 50 per cent the number of prisoners (550) who have had to sleep on the floor.

Overcrowding, said Suissa, is worst in the eight security prisons.

Of the five murders in the prisons in 1985, "all but one were committed in security prisons, where they have their own courts," said Suissa.

He said prisoner complaints had declined by 50 per cent and there had only been one case of an attempted homosexual rape.

Suissa's new policies on visiting rights led to 820,000 visits to the prisons. Over 200 people were given passes to visit at their discretion. "We've also allowed prisoners' families to bring gifts and food parcels," said Suissa, adding that "of course, everything coming in from outside is subject to inspection."

Suissa has four goals for the coming year: to increase the training and education of wardens and prisoners; to step up work programmes inside and outside the prisons; to expand the drug rehabilitation centres; and to change the image of prison personnel and thus attract more recruits.



Commissioner Suissa. (Brutman)

Smith Research Centre poll:

Top marks for gov't economic showing

By HANOCH and RAFT SMITH

Sixty-one per cent of Israelis surveyed in March by the Smith Research Centre thought that the government was on the whole succeeding in dealing with the economy. This is the first such vote of confidence recorded in over a decade. In the past, between 12 and 35 per cent of the population gave the government of the day high marks in economic affairs.

The changed climate of opinion is reflected in the fact that inflation is no longer seen as the country's number one economic problem. Unemployment was the chief concern of those surveyed in the March sample of 1,245 Jewish Israelis.

About 68 per cent thought the government had adopted the correct measures to solve the country's economic problems. In August 1985, when the economic programme was in its early stage, only 55 per cent thought the government was on the right road.

Some of the fears engendered by the first stages of the economic programme have subsided. For instance, in the August poll, 28 per cent reported that they were afraid of losing their jobs. This number declined to 22 per cent in the March poll, though this was still a substantial proportion of the labour force.

In August 1985, 39 per cent thought their own economic situation would be worse in a year and only 19 per cent felt it would be better. In March, only 21 per cent thought things would be worse in a year, while 25 per cent thought they would be better. The remainder in both polls saw no change in their economic situation. Thus last month more long-range optimism was evident among the public.

Concerning short-range prospects, however, the public was much less optimistic. When asked: "Do you agree that the recession (mitur) is near its end and there will soon be economic growth?" only 35 per cent answered in the affirmative, 58 per cent disagreed and 7 per cent abstained. In fact, a majority felt that firmer economic measures were needed. When asked: "Do you think severe new economic measures are needed before the country comes out of its economic crisis?" 53 per cent of the sample agreed, 37 per cent did not agree and 13 per cent abstained.

Thus, while giving the government good marks for its performance to date, the public did not regard the economic problems as having been solved - they visualized more restraint and hardship ahead, though they felt the worst was over. Indeed, two-thirds believed unemployment would increase in the months ahead.

Unemployment has in fact become the public's most important economic concern.

"Which of the following is the most serious economic problem in Israel today?"

Unemployment	-30%
Low productivity	-24%
Balance of payments	-18%
New investment	-11%
Inflation	-8%
Other	-2%
No opinion	-7%

The second place rating for low productivity reflects a growing concern with some possible underlying faults of the economy. Only 8 per cent thought inflation was still the country's most serious problem.

This represents a radical change in the economic atmosphere in the country. In recent years, inflation has consistently been seen as Israel's number one economic problem. The government's success in curbing inflation has enabled the public to focus its concern on other economic problems.

Nevertheless, the public does not think inflation has been licked. One of the most important findings in the March poll concerns the following question:

"What would happen if price controls were totally lifted?"	- 7%
No change or a drop in prices	- 13%
A small price rise, then levelling off	- 20%
A small rise in prices, then continuing to rise	- 51%
Prices will rise rapidly and inflation would break out	- 9%
Other, no opinion	- 9%

Half the population saw rapid inflation resuming if price controls were to be lifted totally and another 20 per cent envisioned a more moderate inflationary rate setting in. One can assume that if price controls were indeed lifted, the public would act in accordance with its expectations. This should give policy-makers cause for concern, since inflationary expectations can be a self-fulfilling prophecy.

It should come as no surprise that the public is not enthusiastic about the prime minister's policy towards stimulating economic growth now.

"Who is right on the debate on the economy?"

The prime minister, who says that growth should begin now	-20%
The finance minister, who says present policies should continue	-33%
Hard to know who is right	-27%
Both are wrong; we need to do other things	-7%
Other, no opinion	-13%

In the same poll 74 per cent of the public thought Shimon Peres was doing well as prime minister and 63 per cent believed that Yitzhak Moda'i was doing well as finance minister (both all-time highs).



Detectives examine the equipment and semi-finished products of an alleged dollar counterfeiting ring raided in Ashdod on Monday night. (Harati)

Counterfeiters nabbed

By BARBARA AMOUYAL
For the Jerusalem Post

Police armed with a search warrant raided an Ashdod factory late on Monday night and reportedly caught six men producing counterfeit American dollars. Tens of thousands of "dollars," as well as printing presses, graphic equipment and negatives were confiscated.

The suspects, middle-aged men from Bat Yam, Ashdod and Jerusalem, are thought to have used the factory in the Ashdod industrial zone as a front for what police have

described as "a long-time, lucrative, underworld business."

The suspected counterfeit ring was discovered after two weeks of intelligence and surveillance efforts which began when police started tailing a 44-year-old Ashdod man who had aroused suspicion by purchasing a number of sophisticated printing presses. Detectives traced the presses to the factory.

Police yesterday questioned dozens of workers employed at the factory, and said the workers "had no idea what was going on under their noses."

Tourist police unit for J'lem in May

By GREER-PAY CASHMAN
For the Jerusalem Post

The first 25-member unit of the capital's tourist police will appear on the streets at the beginning of May, Jerusalem District Commander Haim Albalades announced yesterday.

Albalades said that training of the hand-picked unit will begin on April 15. Eventually, the unit will have a 25-member task force. It will be headquartered at the Kishle police station in the Old City.

Top priority has been given to Jerusalem, where security is the biggest problem confronting police. In other

parts of the country, law enforcement officials are more concerned with burglaries; but terrorists have made Jerusalem their special target for explosions, killing and unrest.

Discussing theft in general, Albalades said that tourists were the most frequent victims of purse snatchers and pick-pockets. They accounted for 95 per cent of such cases reported.

There were very few sexual offences against tourists reported in West Jerusalem, he said, but there were numerous complaints about sexual harassment in East Jerusalem.

Glatt-kosher hospital for Tel Aviv

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Tel Aviv Assuta Hospital has signed an agreement with the ultra-Orthodox *Eda Haredit*, offering glatt-kosher food, male nurses when requested, special Sabbath facilities and a wing for convalescing new mothers, *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

The private hospital, established 51 years ago, agreed to conditions set by Rabbi Yosef Scheinberger, "health minister" of the *Eda*. "There was nothing that we were asked to do and couldn't deliver," hospital medical administrator Dr. Binyamin Frischman told *The Post*.

Frischman, who is also director of obstetrics, said the hospital, which has 182 beds, is usually filled to capacity. Asked why he wants to encourage *haredim* to be hospitalized there, he said: "We want them, as well as other groups, to feel comfortable here."

The convalescent wing will enable ultra-Orthodox women with many children to rest for eight days after giving birth. Four days will be paid for by the National Insurance Institute, as in all hospital births, and the rest by the *Eda* itself, said Frischman.

But Frischman denied a claim by Scheinberger to *The Post* that the hospital has agreed to stop abortions at Assuta: "We don't do many, and those we do are done by doctors from the outside in cases strictly approved according to law." The *haredim* didn't mention abortions as a condition, he stated.

No electrical appliances will be turned on for the *haredim* patients on Shabbat and other holidays, and special food packaged like airline meals will be available for purchase.

Until now, most *haredim* patients have tended to go to Laniado Hospital in Kiryat Sanz and Jerusalem's Hadassah Hospital in Ein Karem, where their needs are specially catered to.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

Lawyer flies off handle at candid camera film

TEL AVIV (Itim). - A religiously observant Petah Tikva lawyer has asked the courts to prohibit the screening of a candid camera film made by Yehuda Barkan which, he says, holds him up to ridicule. The district court here yesterday decided that it would hear the case next Monday in the presence of both sides.

Lawyer Zvi Neuhaus says that last March he was filmed without his knowledge or consent walking down a Tel Aviv street. Two young women approached him and looked pointedly at the fly of his trousers, in an obvious attempt to make him check that the zip was in fact fastened.

Neuhaus says that since he thought the women were trying to embarrass him, he turned and walked away.

The lawyer, who describes himself as observant, says that fellow worshippers at his synagogue who had seen the film greeted him with pitying glances. Children of neighbours had asked his wife if he was not ashamed to have been in such a film, and clients would find his appearance in it incongruous with the seriousness they demanded of a lawyer.

He said he had seen cinema audiences rocking with laughter at the incident and, "it wasn't the happiest moment of my life."

Blood donors sought

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Magen David Adom want adults who have had chickenpox within the last month to donate blood for the treatment of children with immunological problems. The donated blood is to be used to manufacture plasma.

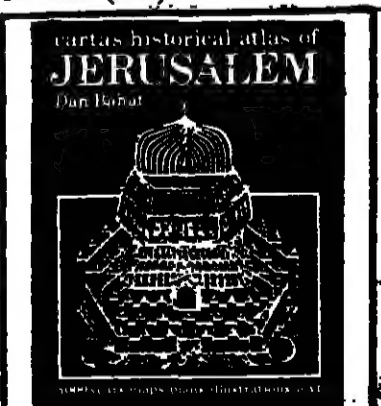
Most children suffer no long-term ill effects from chickenpox. But a small minority, who have problems in their immune system, due to leukemia, kidney disease or certain drug treatments, are badly affected. Treatment with plasma from the blood of a person who has recently recovered from chickenpox can immunize such children against the disease or at least alleviate its severity.

Since only few adults contact chickenpox, MDA attaches special importance to its call for help.

Man burns self to death

A 26-year-old Jerusalem man burned himself to death yesterday in the capital's Abu Tor neighbourhood.

The man poured kerosene over himself and ignited it. Local residents who heard him shouting called an ambulance, but it was too late to save him. (Itim)



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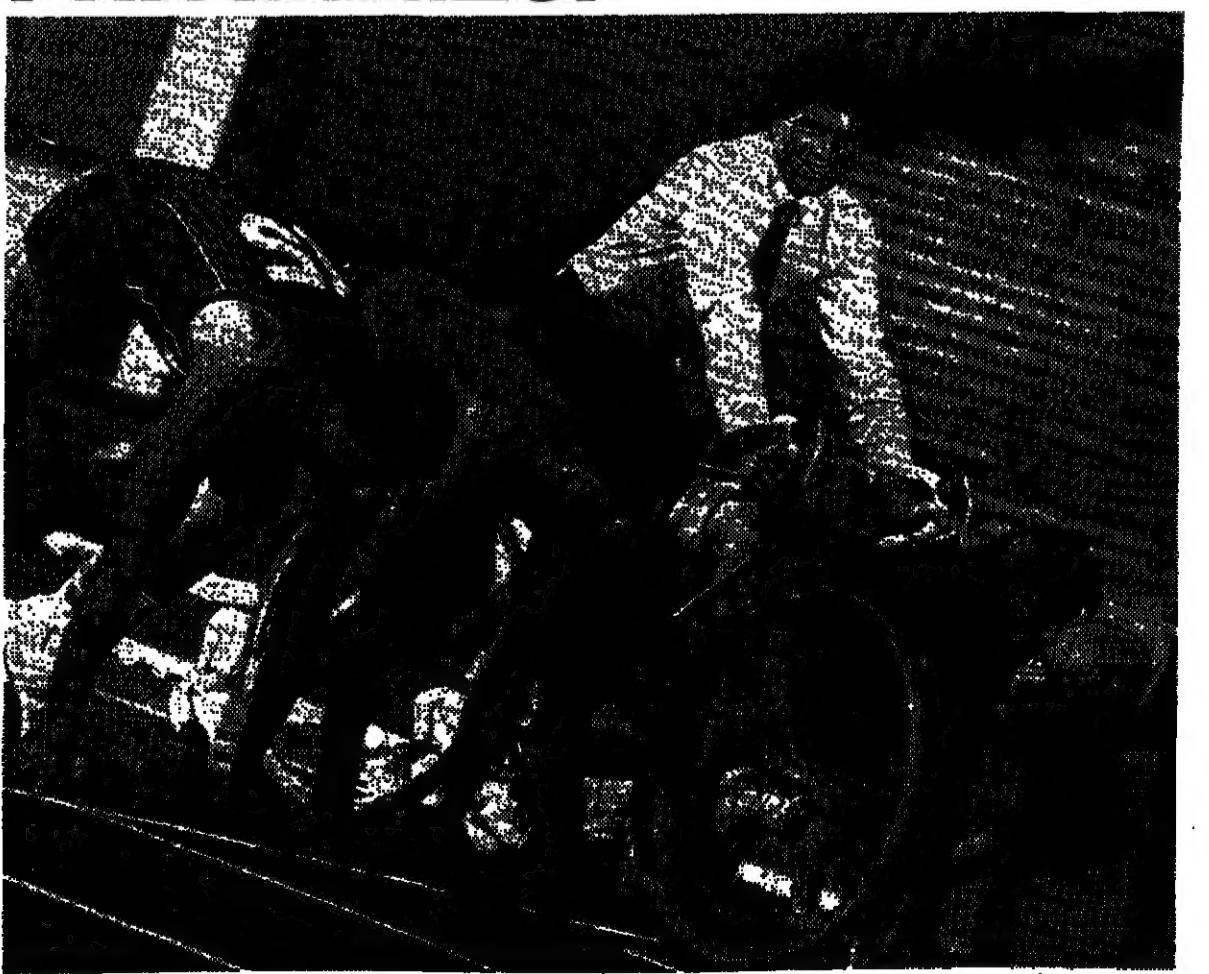
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Greek industrialist slain

ATHENS (AP). — A gunman shot to death an elderly Greek industrialist in the centre of the capital yesterday and a terrorist group claimed responsibility, police said.

The industrialist, Dimitris Angelopoulos, 79, was shot at least four times in the abdomen as he was walking to his office, city police chief Manolis Bosinakis said. Angelopoulos died in a hospital.

The gunman jumped on a motorbike driven by an accomplice and got away, witnesses said.

Bosinakis said a left-wing Greek terrorist group, November 17, claimed the killing in a four-page proclamation found in a nearby street.

Witnesses said a man wearing a trench-coat and carrying a small bag was waiting for Angelopoulos.

Eleni Georgakias, 20, told reporters that "I saw him pull a gun out of the bag and fire."

She said the gunman ran down a narrow sidewalk and jumped on the waiting motorbike.

The doorman at Angelopoulos's

apartment building nearby said he walked the same route to his office every morning.

Angelopoulos was a director of a family-funded Greek steel-manufacturing plant, Halyvourgi, and had been a prominent member of the Greek Industrialists' Federation.

November 17 has claimed a string of political assassinations in Athens over the past 11 years, including the killings of two American diplomats. No arrests have been made in connection with any of the killings.

The group is named for the day in 1973 that troops and tanks crushed a student rebellion at Athens Polytechnic University against Greece's then-ruling military dictatorship.

POSTPONED. — Swedish white-collar workers and employers agreed yesterday to postpone threatened strikes and lock-outs for 48 hours while negotiations continue over a pay dispute that threatens to cripple industry.

Iraq: 2 Iran jets downed

NICOSIA (AP). — Iraq said yesterday its land forces captured new territory from the Iranians in the Mission province, and its air force shot down two Iranian jets over the Faw peninsula on the northern edge of the Gulf.

Iraq withheld direct comment on the Iraqi claims.

The radio said a number of Iranian jets attempted to intrude into Iraqi skies over the Faw peninsula, Iraq's southernmost corner, which has been partly under Iranian occupation since Iran's offensive on February 9.

On the ground, the Iranians tried to advance on Iraqi positions in the peninsula, but were forced to retreat by heavy artillery shelling which killed 10 Iranian soldiers and wounded many others, it added.

Earlier in the day, the radio said that columns of Iraqi tanks, in an overnight "lightning attack," captured more hills on the approach to the southern Iranian city of Dezful.



Policemen in Amstelveen, Holland, heft some of the 2,200 kilos of hashish which was found hidden in a container in the port of Rotterdam. Five persons were arrested. (AFP telephoto)

U.S. delays nuclear test

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AP). — A nuclear weapons test scheduled for yesterday was delayed, an Energy Department official said without giving a reason.

The test had been scheduled the same day President Reagan met with departing Soviet Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin.

The Soviet Union has maintained a unilateral test moratorium, and the U.S. decision to continue nuclear testing has become a major issue between the two nations. The Reagan administration says the Soviets imposed the moratorium because they had completed their own tests. Soviet leader Gorbachev has said the Soviets would resume testing if the U.S. did not join the ban.

Meanwhile, officials at the Nevada test site said a foray by Greenpeace members onto the testing

range would have little effect on the planned test. Nine protesters entered the range Thursday, according to the activist group.

A Greenpeace spokeswoman said the six protesters who remained Monday were arrested in the Yucca Flats area and taken to jail in Beatty. On Monday, three other Greenpeace members entered the site in a bid to reach the test area, said a spokesman.

U.S. officials have declined to discuss the purpose of the planned test. Stan Norris, a research associate with the Natural Resources Defense Council, a private environmental group based in Washington, said last week it appeared likely the test would measure the impact of radiation on the re-entry vehicles of the land-based MX missiles and on the Trident II submarine missile.

Four killed in more Punjab violence

AMRITSAR, India (AP). — Four people were killed yesterday in violence in Punjab state and nearly 400 Sikh militants have been arrested in two days, officials said.

Police said Sikh extremists fatally shot two Sikh moderates yesterday about 35 kilometres north of this sacred city, in the village of Qila Darshan Singh. The attackers escaped on motorcycles.

In other Punjab attacks, a Hindu police bodyguard of a Sikh state

deputy and a Sikh official were reported killed. Details were not immediately available.

In addition, Sikh terrorists shot and wounded the son of a prominent Sikh warrior leader southeast of Amritsar, police said.

Meanwhile, police intelligence sources said 400 people were arrested in two days to prevent violence at the Sikh warrior festival of Baisakhi planned for Sunday.

Thatcher condemns Protestant attacks

BELFAST (Reuters). — A part-time soldier was killed by a suspected Irish nationalist bomb in Northern Ireland yesterday as police struggled to cope with an onslaught of attacks from extremists within the Protestant community.

The victim, a farmer and a member of the mainly Protestant Ulster Defence Regiment, was killed when a booby-trap bomb blew up the tractor he was driving, police said. In London, Prime Minister Mar-

garet Thatcher spoke out against the wave of attacks against the police force and the authorities said they were stepping up patrols and providing emergency accommodation for men driven from their homes.

Thatcher made clear in the House of Commons that she would not yield to Protestant demands that she scrap the agreement which gives the Catholic Irish Republic an advisory role in the province.

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

Pakistani opposition leader in bid to topple Zia

LONDON (Reuters). — Pakistani opposition leader Benazir Bhutto leaves for home at the end of two years of self-imposed exile today on a mission to topple President Zia-ul-Haq, the man she blames for hanging her father.

Bhutto, 32, laid down the gauntlet to Zia in a series of interviews before her departure for Lahore on a journey she predicted would end in the restoration of full civilian democracy in Pakistan.

"I hope that once again it (Lahore) will prove the battle ground or the ground for defeat of yet another dictator," Bhutto told reporters in a final interview Monday night.

'Professionals of the Bull' call off strike

MADRID (Reuters). — Spain's bullfighters called off an indefinite strike after winning a last-minute pledge from the government to study their pension demands, a spokesman for the Bullfighters' Association said yesterday.

The strike by 6,000 to 7,000 "professionals of the bull" was due to start yesterday and threatened Seville's famous spring festival opening on Friday with the first major bullfights of the season.

A Labour Ministry spokesman said the government would study legal solutions to the bullfighters' demands. They oppose a new pension law increasing from 30 to 35 years the minimum time of service required for full pension at 55, and a provision for pensions to be calculated on the basis of earnings in the last eight years before retirement.

Clint Eastwood faces voters in showdown

CARMEL, California (Reuters). — Movie idol Clint Eastwood squared off against former librarian Charlotte Townsend in an election yesterday for the \$200-a-month job as mayor of this California seaside resort.

Eastwood, 55, famed as the pocho-clad, ill-shaven cowboy with the lightning draw, is moving into small-town politics following a dispute with the local authorities over his plans to build a block of shops and offices next to his Hog's Breath restaurant.

A 14-year resident of Carmel, he has campaigned on a platform for a more responsive town government and was favoured by 61 per cent of those questioned in an informal telephone poll taken by Carmel's weekly newspaper and a television station.

Predawn launch of UK frigate beats strike

WALLSEND, England (AP). — Britain's latest warship, whose name was sunk in the Falkland Islands war, was launched yesterday under cover of darkness to beat a shipyard strike.

In pitch dark, amid rain, freezing winds and with no champagne, the HMS Coventry slid into the River Tyne from the Swan Hunter shipyard on the northeast England coast.

Blocks holding the vessel were removed by some 100 management staff. "We believed we needed to launch her to demonstrate we would meet our commitments," said Swan Hunter managing director Alex Marsh, disclosing the launch several hours after the Coventry was safely in the water.

Two killers of tourists hanged in Zimbabwe

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP). — Two rebels who admitted murdering six foreign tourists have been hanged after the Supreme Court rejected their appeals against execution.

Gilbert Sibehla Ngwenya, 44, leader of the armed gang, and Anstin Mphofu, 27, were hanged on Monday in Harare central prison, police said. In their High Court trial in November 1984, Ngwenya and Mphofu admitted killing Brett Baldwin, 23, and Kevin Ellis, 22, both from the U.S., Britons James Greenwell, 21, of Liverpool, and Martyn Hodgson, 35, of Peterborough, and Australians William Butler, 31, of Newcastle, New South Wales, and Tony Bajzef, 25, of Tasmania.

TODAY — Haga (Civil Defence) Exercise in Bat Yam — Rishon LeZion Area

A Haga exercise will be held today, Wednesday, April 9, in the Bat Yam — Rishon LeZion area. During the exercise, the sound of Maxons and explosions will be heard. In the event of a real attack, the sirens will sound a rising and falling note.

Central American parley deadlocked over Nicaragua

PANAMA CITY (Reuters). — Latin American nations have ended three days of peace talks on Central America in deadlock because of U.S. support for rebels opposing Nicaragua's left-wing Sandinista government and Managua's refusal to endorse a regional peace accord because of that support.

Foreign ministers of 13 nations ended the weekend negotiating session based on the Contadora peace initiative without concurring on means to end the bloodletting in Central America and diplomats privately admit that they do not have the strength to impose a solution in the region.

The session brought together the foreign ministers of the four nations mounting the Contadora peace effort — Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela and Panama — their Latin American "support group," of Peru, Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina and the five Central American countries.

The results of the meeting underlined what many Latin Americans have said since the Contadora nations launched their ambitious peace initiative in January 1983 — that the group lacks the strength to force a solution.

Contadora officials had hoped the negotiations would lead to agreement by all five Central American countries on the setting of a deadline for signing a final draft peace treaty. Instead, an eight-day time limit was set for the Central Americans to respond to an invitation to a new meeting on June 6.

In Washington yesterday, the White House expressed regret over the breakdown of the Contadora peace talks.

"It is regrettable that Nicaragua has not engaged in serious negotiations... it is clear that the other countries were prepared to have serious discussions," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said.

SPORTS

Haifa win the big Cup battle

By PAUL KOHN

TEL AVIV. — Maccabi Haifa, the league champions and last year's beaten finalists beat current league title aspirants Hapoel Tel Aviv 2-1 at the latter's Bloomfield Stadium to qualify for the quarter finals of the State Cup.

In a strong finish to a spirited game watched by 12,000 crowd, two late goals from penalties decided the issue.

Haifa goalkeeper Avi Ran fouled Maurice James and Maccabi Haifa made no mistake with the spot kick to level the scores. But nine minutes before the end referee Yankov Shalev opened the spot kick battle when he awarded a penalty for a trip from behind on Zohar Arad and Zohar Arad coolly sailed Haifa through to the last eight.

Earlier, Betar Jerusalem, Hapoel Kfar Sava and Maccabi Petah Tikva had all won places in the quarter

finals with single goal margin wins.

Third Division Maccabi Hadera live to fight another day, holding Hapoel Petah Tikva to 2-2 draw in Hadera after 120 minutes of football. Three other ties also ended in draws after extra time and the four replays will take place next Tuesday.

El Othman scored an 82nd minute winner for the cupholders Betar Jerusalem, to displace Hapoel Petah Tikva out of the cup at the YMCA ground in the capital. For much of the game Maccabi Haifa were on top and Hapoel Petah Tikva missed a golden chance in the 7th minute.

Maccabi Petah Tikva left it even later to watch their 1-0 win over Hapoel Jerusalem. They played a goal-less 120 minutes before delivering the knock-out with a Haim Shashua effort in the very last minute of extra time.

Second Division Betar Netanya led Kfar Sava with a Yossi Edry goal in the 20th minute but second half goal by Meir Olsin and Gilad Shimon, with a 25m shot, saw them through.

Shimon and Maccabi Jaffa played to a 2-2 draw in the early at Bloomfield.

Hapoel Jerusalem and Maccabi Netanya parted 1-1 and Maccabi Yavne Maccabi Tel Aviv drew 0-0.

Perkis survives match points

By PHILIP GILLON

Yesterday was a fine day for Israeli players, five advancing to the second round of the Israel Tennis Association ATP Challenger tournament at the ITC Katamon courts in Jerusalem. Menashe Tsur went out, however, to West German Carl Uwe Steeb 6-4, 6-4 while 15 year-old Ravi Weidenfeld was beaten by another Israeli Amit Naor 6-4, 6-2.

Sharar Perkis only survived by the skin of his teeth coming through 5-7, 6-1, 7-6 (9-7) against hard fighting qualifier Frank De Muynck of Belgium. In the critical third set, the Belgian led 5-4 and 40-0. But the Israeli, showing great determination and skill, and aided by some good fortune, saved the three match points. He needed to survive two more in the tie break before grinding out his victory.

Shlomo Glickstein beat Leo Palin of Finland 7-5, 6-4 in a surprisingly ill-tempered contest considering the calibre of and character of the two players. Both disputed several calls and bickered repeatedly with one another. Glickstein also reprimanded the umpire in Hebrew, hardly the most courteous behaviour. Contrasting to his behaviour Glickstein displayed a complete array of shots particularly specialising in devilish top spin lobs and delicate drop shots.

Top seeded Amos Mansdorf beat German



Karel De Moynck. (Shorer)

qualifier Glickstein comfortably 6-2, 6-3 but the second seed, Wally Mansdorf of Austria, had a tougher time before winning 3-6, 6-2, 6-0 against Georgio Kalovrents of Greece.

Carsten Schults a West German qualifier had an appalling day losing to South African Brian Levine 6-4, 6-3 and then finding that same monster hand led his bag containing his passport, credit card and money.

Other results: Gilad Bloom (Is) beat Chaim Van Rensburg (SA) 6-4, 6-4; M. Saccini (WG) beat C. Guyer (WG) 7-6, 6-6, 7-6 and N. Rittenbacher (Aust) beat the No. 8 seed Andrej Dirm of Romania 6-4, 6-2.

Baseball starts with a real bang

DETROIT. — The 1986 Major League baseball season started with a bang on Monday as the first batter hit the first pitch into the seats for a home run.

Boston Red Sox outfielder Dwight Evans got the six-month-long season off to a flying start by smashing the opening pitch from Detroit Tigers ace Jack Morris over the wall in left-centre field.

But the Tigers had the last roar, winning the opener 6-5.

Other pitchers, Tom Seaver and Steve Carlton were both sent to

early showers by the long ball.

Seaver, extending his own Major League record with his 16th consecutive start, lasted 2 1/2 innings for Chicago and was charged with five hits and all of Milwaukee's runs in the Rogers 5-3 victory.

At Cincinnati, site of the traditional National League opener, Carlton, a 41-year-old right-hander with 314 career wins, led St. Louis' league record with his 14th opening day win.

But he allowed nine hits, including home runs by Eric Davis and Dave Parker, and all of Reds' runs in four innings as Cincinnati lost 7-4.

In the other opener, Cleveland beat Baltimore 6-4, and Los Angeles edged San Diego 5-4.

Lyle's view

AUGUSTA (Reuters). — Britain's Sandy Lyle, fresh from his victory in the Greater Greensboro Open on Sunday, believes a high score over the Augusta national course could win the 50th Masters golf championship.

"I don't think any fantastic score will win the reigning British Open champion said after his first practice round this week at the masters' permanent home.

"They have had a dry spell and the greens are faster than in previous years. This is the type of course where you can comfortably shoot 74 or 75."

After his inaugural victory on the U.S. Circuit Lyle is finding that his opinion is suddenly a subject of great interest to his fellow-professionals.

The current masters champion Bernhard Langer of West Germany is the best golfer in the world ahead of Spain's Severiano Ballesteros, according to a new, computerized rankings list issued in London.

Convincing cricket wins

Post Sports Staff

Young Ashdod and the defending champions the Hebrew University continued to show good form, winning in impressive manner their second match in a row in the second round of Israeli league cricket over the weekend.

RESULTS: Young Ashdod beat Hapoel Young Ramat Hashikim 48 all out (Y. Ashdod 49-4).

Hebrew University defeated Ashdod A by six wickets. Ashdod 111 all out (Aravot 42, Y. Ashdod 6-33), HU 112-6 (Parizman 46).

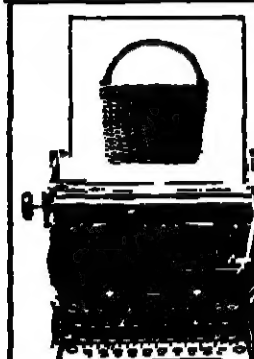
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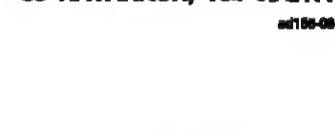
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Sensitive to a need

MOSHE KOHN

THE YOUNG WOMAN, a Jewish visitor from the U.S. who had recently arrived to spend a few weeks in Jerusalem, was upset about the waiter's refusal to serve her a glass of milk with the hamburger sandwich.

"You better go to this," he told her, pointing to a leaflet on the wall advertising a series of lectures in English on "The Cheeseburger and the Jew" at the Israel Centre in Straus St.

She went to a couple of the lectures. The organizers don't know whether she changed her lifestyle as a result, but the woman thanked them for the opportunity to learn about this feature of Jewishness — and several others that she learned in visits to the centre.

The organizers are the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America (UOJCA), which, its new president, Sidney Kwestel, contends is "the fastest-growing religious movement in American Jewry."

Kwestel, 48, professor of law at Touro University, New York, was recently here on his 13th visit. The UOJCA claims a membership of more than 1,000 synagogues in North America, and says it provides various services to many more.

But, Kwestel says, "our major action and our pride and joy is the National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY)" — which is really the brain, the heart and the soul of the Israel Centre.

In North America, according to Kwestel, the NCSY has over 20,000 members (up to age 18), more than 60 per cent of whom come from non-Orthodox homes and public-school backgrounds. About 400 NCSY alumni of both sexes are now in Israel studying at yeshivot and other Orthodox institutions. And every summer 150 young men and women, "most of them from non-religious homes," come here in various NCSY programmes.

The Israel Centre is run by a permanent staff of five headed by Shai Solomon, who has an MA in guidance and counselling. His assistant, Rabbi Philip Chernovsky, is an educator. Jolie Lewis, counsellor, has an MA in social work, and Patti Kupfer, director of public affairs, has an MA in counselling. The fifth full-time worker is the secretary. In addition, there are 15 part-time workers, including a counsellor, a librarian, a computer operator and two volunteers.

The heavy concentration of trained counsellors in the full-time professional staff is no accident, Solomon says. "In fact, all our staff members have been taught to be alert to signals from people ostensibly just looking for an interesting lecture or social activity, but really in search of a shoulder to cry on or some sort of counselling. Our approach is not to come at them, but to let them browse, let them find their way, and then direct them discreetly."

If a particular problem is more than elementary, the centre directs the person to expert assistance. THE CENTRE has already launched its annual round of pre-Passah activities. One major project in this connection is organizing the second Seder for tourists who observe two nights and two days of the Jewish holidays. In fact, the second Seder eight years ago was the centre's first public activity.

There is also the programme of classes and special lectures on all aspects of Passah law, lore and customs, including instruction in preparing and conducting a Seder. These are only part of the centre's programme, occupying every day of the week, with four or five programmes sometimes going on simultaneously in the different rooms of the centre's second-storey premises. On one night recently, for example, there was a lecture in one room on "The sanctity of time"; a class in another for prospective and new brides; in a third room a workshop on "Maintaining family ties despite distance," one of the "GDF Series" for "geographically divided families" — one part of which lives in Israel; a weekly class for women on prayer; a weekly meeting of visitors considering aliyah with a Tour Va'aleh counsellor; and a weekly class in Jewish thought for Spanish speakers.

Or there is the "Ulpan Torani," in which the learning material for the Hebrew language is not bland, neutral reading matter, but "matter with Jewish content," Solomon stressed. There are the frequent concerts of Jewish soul music or Hassidic rock, or the monthly Rosh Hodesh celebration.

A newcomer can sit in the lounge, where he or she will soon be offered a free cup of coffee or tea by a staff member or volunteer. One can also go into the library to browse among the books and journals (all on

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Sidney Kwestel

Judaica or Eretz Yisrael, nearly all in English or Hebrew, or watch a video show on a similar topic.

About 1,000 people pass through the centre each week — both regular participants in various activities, and newcomers. Males are not required to cover their heads, nor is any special dress required of the women. Said Solomon: "We want to make everyone welcome and comfortable, so we impose no religious behaviour."

THE CENTRE initiates or cooperates with other institutions in a variety of volunteer activities. For example, many students from abroad participate in the centre's "Nitzotz" project, serving as "big brothers" or "big sisters" to school children from deprived backgrounds, helping them with homework and playing with them.

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WHAT IS A JEW?

RONALD KRONISH

— and then inevitably a whole set of fundamental questions will emerge concerning not only who we are but also what we are about as a people with a unique culture, land, language, history, religion, and heritage.

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THIS CHANGING of the question was the beginning of a process that has led to the publication of a booklet entitled *What is a Jew? On Judaism and the Jewish people* (A sampling of important Israeli thinkers, to be followed by a worldwide study, by Avraham Burg, Israel on Diaspora Jewish Affairs, edited by me. Draft experimental edition, Jerusalem, January 1986, produced by the World Jewish Congress 8th plenary assembly).

In undertaking this process, we have chosen to examine the core ideologies and forms of Jewish expression among Jews today. In so doing, we have begun to discover not only a remarkable breadth of ideas

and opinions that concern our existence as a people, but also a depth of understanding and vision among some of our leading thinkers and writers.

Accordingly, this first booklet in a series included the responses of 10 Israeli Jewish thinkers: Prof. Yehuda Bauer, Rabbi Yoel Bin-Nun, Naftali Blumenthal, Religious Affairs Minister, Yosef Burg, former Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shalom Goren, novelist and publicist Shulamit Hareven, Prof. Yeshayahu Leibowitz, author Amnon Shomron, Prof. Eliezer Schweid, and author A.B. Yehoshua. As part of this process, future anthologies will not only expand the contributions of additional Israeli Jewish thinkers, but will also include responses from Diaspora scholars, rabbis and intellectuals.

Since the English version of the booklet was distributed at the World Jewish Congress assembly, there have been requests for translations into a number of languages (a Hebrew edition is already being edited). We are encountering not only a renewed interest in confronting the central questions of Jewish existence in our time forthrightly and honestly, but also a new openness for self-understanding and mutual give-and-take, which, we hope, will serve as a new model for us as Jewish individuals, and as a people.

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Speaking out

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The conference was regarded as historic not only because of the stature of the participants in a conference dealing with Jewish pluralism, but also because of the conciliatory tone of the speeches.

The featured speakers were Rabbi Gerson Cohen, chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (Conservative); Ira Silverman, president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College; Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations (Reform); and Rabbi Norman Lamm, president of Yeshiva University (Orthodox).

The conference was sponsored by the National Centre for Learning and Leadership (Clal) in cooperation with the UJA-Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York and the United Jewish Federation of MetroWest, New Jersey. About 300 people from 31 states participated in the meeting at the Scanticon Executive Conference Centre.

Other speakers included Elie Wiesel; Charles Silberman, author of the current best-selling book, *A Certain People: American Jews and Their Lives Today*; and Rabbi Irving Greenberg, founder and president of Clal.

LAMM SAID he accepted "pluralism within Halacha," and declared that no Orthodox Jew is true to the Jewish tradition if he refuses to recognize non-observant Jews as Jewish. He said that it is an "egregious error, fatuous and self-defeating" for Orthodox Jews to seek to delegitimize all other Jews.

He recommended "new attempts to establish a national *beit din* (rabbinical court) to rule on cases of *gittin* (divorces) and *manzumi* (children born from unions forbidden by Halacha). He said branches of the national *beit din* could be set up throughout the country, and rabbis who observed Halacha personally (even if non-Orthodox) could serve on such courts.

Lamm asserted that Orthodox leaders as well as Conservative and Reform spokesmen ought to become "more civil in their rhetoric" and "eliminate stridency" from their public pronouncements.

SCHINDLER VOICED some self-criticism. "In my valleys with Ortho-

doxy," he said, "I have in the heat of response to what I saw as attack more than once indulged in the anger of the outcast, using words and invoking images and bitter analogies which I now regret."

And, apparently referring to the issue of patrilineal descent, he added:

"I confess, too, that there were times when I did not take into account the halachic difficulties that certain Reform innovations present to Orthodox Jews. I have responded in kind to the intransigence and zeal of Orthodoxy's most extreme spokespersons, using their scorn as an excuse for not truly striving to lessen the pain of others."

Schindler stressed, however, that his self-criticism should not be interpreted as a "retreat from any of the steps taken by Reform Judaism since the past decade — only that these steps may have seemed less precipitate and threatening had we achieved a higher level of dialogue in advance of public pronouncement."

He lashed out at what he termed "religious triumphalism," which, he said, "must be banished from our taboos... That Orthodoxy which I was taught to revere as a young man manifested a good deal of modesty. It did not lay claim to an all-exclusive authenticity. It did not presume to know with a certainty what the Holy One, blessed be He, demanded, and whom He deemed acceptable in His eyes. It did not wear armour in the name of righteousness or wield the sword to trim the beards of other Jews."

COHEN ASSERTED that "behind the scenes, the religious leadership of this Jewish community is bound by friendship," and he voiced the need for a "joint and long-standing committee to meet behind closed doors." It should, he said, include Orthodox, Reform, Conservative, Reconstructionist and secularists, "but don't expect the approval of the Israeli religious establishment. It will depend on the will of the Jewish laity."

Greenberg, Orthodox, reiterated his belief that there is a "serious risk of a split in the Jewish people by the year 2000," and said 90 per cent of the Jewish people don't want a split. Unfortunately, he added, "what they want is the next victory," and he described "the splitting forces" as getting stronger. "We have the wrong priorities," he said, "We're spending \$10 million a year on relations with Christians and only a small fraction of that amount on relations among ourselves."

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Putting foreign reserves to productive use

The director-general of the Treasury, Emmanuel Sharon, has done us a favour by boldly telling us that if economic stability continues, Israel can afford to let its foreign currency reserves drop to \$2 billion or even to \$1b. Clearly stating that this is the government's policy will prevent alarmist commentators from making dire predictions every time the reserves drop by tens of millions or even by hundreds of millions of dollars.

In the past three months, Israel has repaid \$537 million in foreign debts, and that is only the beginning. This year \$4.2b. will go toward debt service, including the astronomical sum of \$2.75b. just for interest. But Israel will gain \$1.5b. this year, half from a U.S. government grant and the rest from the drop in oil prices and declines in the prices of raw materials.

The country would be better off using these reserves to pay off loans that were taken out in recent years at exorbitant interest rates. It is preferable to let the country's foreign-currency reserves drop substantially than keep paying interest of 16 or 17 per cent.

Israel's current foreign reserves "cushion" can also be put to good

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advantage by buying oil at the current low price on the future market, in which the buyer contracts to purchase his oil at a specific time at a predetermined price. Such investments provide a way of "storing" our foreign currency reserves.

Unless these billions of dollars are tied up in some arrangement like this, or used to pay off expensive loans, politicians will surely be tempted to use them on some wasteful scheme. In addition, having large amounts of cash in the till could slow down the transfer of the American grant.

It would also be worthwhile to use this money for essential investments such as acquiring new industrial technologies, or for alleviating the collective claustrophobia by allowing more Israelis to go abroad. Finally, if Israel informs overseas bankers of its aim of using current reserves to reduce the size of its external debt, this might have the effect of holding down interest rates on future loans. At any rate, the present tendency of the public and various economic bodies to sell their foreign currency to the government will help the government tick to its policy of using the reserve "cushion" for constructive purposes.

TOURISM BRIEFS

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
AFTER MONTHS of negotiations, the Dan chain has finally concluded an agreement for the purchase of the Astoria Hotel in Tel Aviv for \$9.6 million. The hotel, which has been closed for several weeks, will reopen on May 15 as the Dan Panorama Tel Aviv. Its sister facility, the Dan Panorama in Haifa, will open at approximately the same time. The two Dan Panoramas bring the number of hotels in the chain to eight, with a total of 2,000 guest rooms.

A SELF-SERVICE RESTAURANT was recently opened at the Ein Gedi resort centre. The restaurant includes island buffets to help eliminate the queues of tourists who stop for a meal while on coach trips in the Dead Sea area. Patrons will be able to choose from among the island buffets, which will offer different menus, thus avoiding a single long queue.

RUDOLFO COHEN, the Argentinian-born director general

of the Sharon Hotel in Herzliya, has been elected chairman of the Israel Hotel Managers Association (Ihma). He succeeds Janos Damon, who was one of the founders of Ihma 14 years ago. Cohen started his hotel career as a waiter in the Queen of Sheba Hotel in Eilat in 1964.

NETIV HA'ASARA, one of the moshavim uprooted when Israel ceded Yamit to Egypt in 1982 and now located near Ashkelon, recently signed an agreement with Homtel to rent out 20 of its houses to Israeli vacationers. Netiv Ha'asara, which ventured into tourism three years ago, has day tours for foreign visitors and inexpensive accommodation for domestic tourists. Recreational facilities include a swimming pool and tennis courts.

A NATIONAL TOURISM AUTHORITY is being contemplated by an inter-ministerial committee chaired by Economics and Planning Minister Gad Ya'acobi. The proposed authority would relieve ministerial departments in the Prime Ministers Office, and the Agriculture, Tourism and Interior Ministries of their responsibilities for nature conservation, care of national parklands, health resorts and other tourist attractions.



Evi Laumann (left) and Nicola Lunemann will enter Lufthansa's pilot-training course in Bremen this month, the first women to do so in the airline's history. After graduation, they will have to spend several years as co-pilots before taking the helm themselves.

Full tanks for some, taxes for others as oil prices fall

BONN (Reuters) - "Filler up" orders reminiscent of the days of cheap petrol are being heard once again at service stations as motorists celebrate the fall of oil prices from \$30 a barrel last year to \$10 today.

But a survey of industrialized countries reveals that while some consumers are enjoying a handsome windfall, others have not seen any big price drops at the pumps.

In West Germany, where autobahns are crowded in the holiday seasons with Europeans heading for the Swiss Alps or returning from Italian beaches, the price of a litre of super grade is the lowest in Europe, at 43 U.S. cents.

But a tankful of the same product in Italy sells for the equivalent of 79 cents.

In Israel and France, a litre of super is selling for 64 cents, while in Britain stations supplied by the oil majors are charging up to 58 cents.

In Japan, the consumers' association says motorists have seen "almost no benefit" from the oil-price fall. Regular grade in Tokyo costs 74 cents a litre.

The U.S. still has the cheapest gasoline in the West, at just over 25 cents a litre, but the price drop is "not even close" to the fall in the

cost of oil, the president of a big California trucking company said. Station owners in the Bonn area said that far more customers were happily filling their tanks to capacity rather than running half-empty to economize.

Six months ago it cost \$42 to fill a Mercedes-Benz 190 tank which now runs over with \$20 worth of petrol.

Government intervention was the major factor accounting for some consumers enjoying all or almost all of the windfall while others - such as the Italians and Japanese - still pay mid-1985 rates, the survey showed.

Japan, like West Germany, must import virtually all of its oil. But unlike Bonn's determinedly hands-off policy towards oil pricing and, so far, taxing, Tokyo inhibits competition by setting the wholesale price.

Britain, which is self-sufficient in North Sea oil, recently clawed back some of the windfall with a petrol tax increase, which was immediately passed on to consumers despite government expressions of indignation.

In Rome, the government decided to increase gasoline tax by exactly the same amount as the market price decrease, so that only one cent separates the price of a litre today and one year ago.

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Taking the waters

The latest rains have been dismissed by the experts as too little and too late to undo the damage wrought by the exceptionally dry winter months. Water rationing will have to begin immediately, they say.

What is far worse, is that the cumulative effect of several dry years has been to bring the whole water system to the edge of collapse. In line with the times, the talk is of a "water overdraft," with the country now so deep in the red, that a full year's average income in rainfall terms is needed to pay off the creditors. If next winter is dry, we're headed for a major disaster, we're told.

This winter is in no position to argue with the experts, nor are most other people, whose knowledge of how the water system operates is limited to turning taps on and off. But anyone who has followed the flow of reports over the years can easily believe that reports of the current gloomy situation, and even gloomier outlook, are not exaggerated. The fact that wells on the coastal plain are turning saline and the Kinneret is at too low a level whenever the rains don't come on time consistently means the water scarce cannot be dismissed as the institutional mania of Mekorot or its staff.

For years the government has made investment in infrastructure a very low priority, and water installations an even lower one. This is probably because, at least until now, when the taps were turned on, water emerged. There were no queues for water metres like there are for telephones, no strikes in Mekorot as there frequently are at the Electric Corporation. It was the old Israeli story: If you don't make a noise, nobody will pay you any attention. If, however, a crisis blows, why, then is your fault.

The only problem with a water shortage is that it tends to be very egalitarian. You can't use protection or money to get more if there isn't any anywhere in the country. Nor can the Americans be expected to give us the staff, or others lead as some.

Thus, the cries of distress can be expected to grow louder as the temperature rises in the months of June, July, August and September. Even today, Mekorot is complaining that the farmers are being given too good a deal by the Agriculture Ministry.

As the crisis worsens, the truth will come out, as the media belatedly run dramatic exposés of the lack of investment in infrastructure, the terribly run-down state of the piping in our older cities and towns, (30 years is more than enough to qualify as old in this respect) and the shocking waste of water by agriculture and perhaps even by industry.

Belatedly, too, questions will be asked as to why water was being subsidized all these years, when we really didn't have enough, and as a result, was misused — particularly in water-intensive agricultural production. "Why make the desert bloom," people will ask, "if we are parched now?" The more perceptive will add, "What will our children use, since we've squandered their reserves?"

The government — if it still have one then — will find someone to blame (preferably the opposition, if any, or someone long dead) and will unveil an emergency programme to re-aquify the country. Hundreds of millions of dollars will be spent on doing things that could have been prevented five and 10 years ago for far less. As a mark of sympathy with our grim situation, Diaspora Jewry will hold a special campaign for their poor, thirsty brethren in Israel. They won't, of course, come to visit us, because the State Department advises against it, lest they'll feel for us just the same.

If we're really lucky, the Jewish lobby will persuade Congress to lay a pipeline from the Niagara Falls directly to the Tel Aviv Marina. Our leader just has to strike the Statue of Liberty with his rod, and salvation will pour forth.

U.S. ready to sign tourism agreement

By WLADIMIR STRUMINSKI
BONN. — The U.S. is ready, in principle, to sign a tourism agreement with Israel, according to reports from Israeli sources during Tourism Minister Avraham Shari's visit to Germany. Shari came to Hamburg after a visit to the U.S.

The sources said that such an agreement would help Israel overcome the sharp decline in tourism from America. The U.S. government has classified the region as a risk area, but Israel feels that the U.S. should make it clear that Israel is excluded from this category.

'Kibbutzim have gotten only \$110m. in aid'

By LEA LEVAVI

TEL AVIV. — The United Kibbutz Movement yesterday accused Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i of vastly overstating the amount of aid the government has given the kibbutzim and Koor Industries.

Responding to Moda'i's claim, appearing in the press over the weekend that the government had provided \$1.5 billion in aid, UKM secretaries Yeshyahu Peri and Aharon Yadin asserted that only \$110 million had been granted. Of that, they said, only \$25 million was in grant form and much of it had not

yet been disbursed.

They said financier David Balas had turned over all his property to the kibbutzim in an effort to pay off his \$100 million "gray market" loan from the kibbutzim. The property, including shares in the Shipping Bank and a newspaper as well as real estate, will be sold when market conditions are right, the two said.

If the profits from sale of the assets exceed the debt, Balas will get the difference; if the profits fail to pay do not pay the entire debt, Balas will pay the balance when he can obtain additional funds.

GOV'T'S FATE

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government will precariously survive and Labour will have achieved its secondary objective — ridding itself of Moda'i. Sources close to Shamir told *The Post* last night that Moda'i had long been the top figure on the Labour "hit list" because of his opposition to the funnelling of funds to Labour-affiliated enterprises. Recently, an attempt was made to form a committee on economic growth headed by Peres which would have usurped Moda'i's authority.

What is certain now, say sources close to Shamir, is a war of nerves. The Likud continues to declare that it will agree to no deal on a reshuffle of portfolios that would leave Moda'i out of the Treasury. Shamir termed speculation in this respect "so many wild geese set loose by I know not who. There is just no basis to any of the theories so fancifully suggested."

But at the same time, there is fear in the Likud that if Peres ousts Moda'i from the Finance Ministry and the Likud quits the coalition over this, it will find itself without its allies in the religious parties. Despite their declarations that they would not serve in a narrow Labour-led coalition, there is nervousness in the Likud about what the religious parties, all of them ill-prepared for early elections, would do if confronted with a choice between membership in a narrow coalition and elections.

Senior political sources believe that the religious parties will exert pressure on Moda'i and the Likud to give in to Peres's demand that Moda'i resign his post, thus saving the national unity government.

Moda'i will now face heavy psychological pressure to give in, since he will not want to be depicted as causing the government's collapse.

Moda'i has shown an interest in the past in being foreign minister. Therefore, according to the same political sources, he may decide in the end to accept being dismissed as

Finance minister if he receives the Foreign Ministry instead.

Some political observers say that the Likud would prefer loss of face to walking out of the government. Speculation was rife in private conversations among Likud politicians yesterday about possible replacements for Moda'i.

Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon yesterday denied vehemently that he would agree to take over the Treasury portfolio. Minister-without-portfolio Moshe Arens did the same. Much now depends on the attitude of Shamir's rival, Deputy Premier David Levy, who is in Canada. Ostensibly, it would be in Levy's best interests if rotation were foisted and he could take on Shamir in a show-down for the leadership. According to this reasoning, Levy should be Moda'i's most militant supporter and refuse any compromise that would push Moda'i out of the Treasury and save rotation.

Shamir claimed nevertheless that he had conversed with Levy by phone and that their positions are fully coordinated. "Perhaps this crisis will now unify the Likud and hasten the merger with the Liberals. We are not afraid of elections, though we think that for the nation's good that should be avoided now."

The Shamir line is that the public would not swallow any of Peres's excuses for firing Moda'i.

"Moda'i is the most popular finance minister ever. He is successful and efficient. Sacking him would bring down the government plain and simple. In the national interest this crisis must be solved," Shamir told students in Ariel yesterday.

Moda'i's anti-Peres remarks are not perceived in the Likud as any worse than the anti-Moda'i outbursts by Labour ministers, which went unpunished.

Meanwhile, Likud ministers were yesterday flocking home from abroad. Among the returnees expected in the next few days are Levy, Tourism Minister Avraham Shari, and Science Minister Gideon Patt.

Diamond prices to go up 7½%

LONDON (Reuters). — De Beers said yesterday its Central Selling Organization will raise the price of rough gem diamonds for the first time in three years by an overall 7½ per cent at its next sale, on May 6.

A De Beers spokesman said the rough diamond market had continued the recovery that began in the second half of last year, and the group therefore decided the market could absorb the price rise. The CSO's last increase was 3½ per cent in 1983.

The CSO, which markets rough diamonds on behalf of the De Beers mines and other producers, is estimated to account for some four-fifths of rough diamond sales worldwide.

Prices for polished stones are also firming, the CSO spokesman said, adding that the market has been helped by strong sales last year for cutting centres in Israel. But the investment diamond market for top quality flawless stones, which peaked out in 1980, remains dormant.

Industry sources said the value of De Beers' stockpile of unsold rough diamonds fell by \$52 million during 1985 to about \$1.9 billion. It was the first reduction since 1977.

ISRAEL RECOGNIZES

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projects" in Israel. In an unusually hard-hitting speech, he noted that David Ben-Gurion's dream of settling the Negev was ironically being implemented more in Jordan than in Israel. He also warned of the danger posed by the increasing split between Israel's religious and secular communities.

The opening was also addressed by Labour Party Secretary-General Uzi Baram, Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar, Na'amat Secretary-General Masha Lubelsky, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, Socialist International Secretary-General Pentti Vaananen, and a student from Bar-Ilan University who represented the party's 130,000 new members. The speaker, earned general applause, but Lubelsky was unpopular, with her call for equal opportunities for women and her strong attack on the party's catering to religious coercion.

The convention will continue today and tomorrow at the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv. On the agenda will be Labour's platform on political, foreign policy and socio-political issues and the future of the national unity government.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:

General Share Index	110.32	-0.58%
Non-Bank Index	124.98	-0.53%
Arrangement	107.07	-0.16%
Insurance	145.56	-1.19%
Commerces, Services	132.37	+0.15%
Real Estate	150.63	-1.14%
Industrial	118.82	-1.02%
Textiles	141.38	-1.59%
Metals	105.95	-2.37%
Electronics	98.85	-1.11%
Chemicals	116.40	-1.48%
Industrial Invest.	118.73	+2.15%
Investment Cos.	126.79	-1.30%
General Bond Index	103.63	+0.00%
Index-Linked Bonds	103.54	+0.04%
Fully-linked	105.61	+0.15%
Partially-linked	102.18	-0.04%
Dollar-linked Bonds	101.08	-0.33%
Short-term 0-2 yrs	not available	
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	not available	
Long-term 5+ yrs	not available	

Turnovers:

Shares — total	NIS 8,591,900
Arrangement	NIS 3,076,300
Non-bank	NIS 5,513,600
Bonds — total	NIS 4,588,000
Index-linked	NIS 1,287,700
Dollar-linked	NIS 2,690,300
Treasury Bills	NIS 9,377,300

Share Movements:

Advances	30 (58)
of which 5%+	20 (8)
"buyers only"	3 (2)
Declines	188 (267)
of which 5%—	36 (137)
"sellers only"	13 (18)
Unchanged	104 (85)
Trading Halt	43 (47)

Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	Mixed to 1%
3% fully-linked	Mixed to 1%

4.25% fully-linked

Rises to 1% Falls to 2%

80% linked Stable Mixed to 0.5%

Double-linked Stable Mixed to 1%

Dollar-linked Stable Mixed to 1%

Admon Falls to 1%

Rimon Stable to 1%

Silbush Falls to 1%

For. Curr. Mixed to 1%

denominated Treasury Bills 1.40% to 1.58%

(monthly yield)

Arrangement yields:

IDB 0.1 11.42%

IDB 0.1 10.82%

Discount A 11.20%

Mazrahi r. 11.20%

Hapozim r. 11.60%

General A 11.37%

Leumi stock 11.78%

Fin. Trade 1 10.27%

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name Price Volume %

1000WS change

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(last part of "arrangement")

Mazrahi 1125 3724 -4.3

General non-arr. 30000 143 +1.7

First In 1 3162 1016 +0.7

FIBI 1 3370 2990

Commercial Banks

(part of "arrangement")

IDB 1 81700 283 -0.8

Union 0.1 60785 63 -0.8

Discount 104000 46 +0.1

Mazrahi 33720 222 -0.1

Hapozim r. 56288 1487 +0.0

General A 142000 -29 -0.8

Leumi 0.1 48101 116 -

Fin. Trade 48060 - -0.2

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J.O.E.L. 1300 1409 -0.4

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s.a. sellers only b. buyers only

r. registered

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Israel Money Markets April 8, 1986

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PRIME BORROWING RATE: 1.25% per month
Unlinked Deposit (Annual Rates)

	LAST UPDATED	TAPAS	PAKAM 7-DAY	PAKAM 30-DAY
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HAPOLIM	13.3	10-12%	11-12%	12-12.5%
DISCOUNT	3.4	7-13%	7-13%	9-13%
MIZRAHI	6.4	6-13%	6-14%	6-16%
FIRST INTL.	12.3	6-13%	7-13%	6-13%

Rates vary according to size of deposit.
(TAPAS: demand deposit paying daily interest.
PAKAM: fixed-term deposit available from 7 to 59 days.)

PATAH — FOREIGN CURRENCY DEPOSIT RATES (as of April 8)

	3-MONTHS	6-MONTHS	12-MONTHS
USD	8.625	6.500	6.500
STG	10.000	9.375	8.125
DMK	3.875	3.875	3.875
SFR	3.375	3.250	3.250
YEN	3.625	3.375	3.375

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Do-it-yourself summer time

ISRAELIS watching Jordan Television see the evidence before their eyes: the neighbouring Islamic kingdom, not widely known as a beacon of progress and enlightenment, has switched to daylight saving time, along with the rest of the civilized northern hemisphere, while this democratic land is stuck by rabbinical edict with winter time in summer this year and the next.

Ostensibly this is a decision of the interior minister, based on the recommendations, or lack of them, of a committee of alleged experts. In fact it is a determination by Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, doubtless reflecting the kind advice of his mentor Rabbi Eliezer Shach, and representing the wishes and interests not of the public at large, nor even of Shas's ultra-Orthodox constituency, but of a small group of rabbis.

Indeed, if ever there was a contentious state-religious issue on which the people of this country, regardless of the depth and nature of their religious sentiments, have virtually united in opposition to the rabbinical establishment, it is summer time. The advantages of summer time are so obvious and irrefutable, in almost every respect, that even the NRP, once its staunch opponent, last week shifted to its support.

The fear of a widespread backlash, not confined to the secular, that might follow Rabbi Peretz's decision to discontinue summer time, doubtless motivated Zevulun Hammer's announcement last week of his party's new position in the matter.

Rabbi Peretz, on the other hand, appears unconcerned. He evidently feels that he can afford to ignore the public will and get away with it. For he holds the balance of power: neither the Likud nor the Alignment will readily offend him by overturning his decision. The Knesset, where a *de facto* coalition in favour of summer time has emerged across the entire political spectrum, is not in the end likely to legislate summer time. And the High Court of Justice will not easily substitute its own judgment for the minister's on an administrative issue.

The go-it-alone movement on summer time, spearheaded by the Histadrut and the Manufacturers' Association, may also be only an idle threat. A kibbutz, or even a moshav, can push its clock forward or backward at will, but an entire city is unable to do so on a voluntary basis. A handful of malcontent workers, claiming an unauthorized worsening of their working conditions, may wipe out an employer's entire profit from summer time.

Does this mean that the idea of organizing popular resistance to the rabbinical ban on summer time should be dropped? Not at all. Even if the experiment promises to be only half-successful, it would be worth trying. Moreover, it might set a precedent for dealing with the steady encroachment of theocracy under the present political system, which grants small religious parties a degree of influence wholly disproportionate to the number of their backers.

Thinking about oil

IT NOW SEEMS almost like ancient history, but it is not very long ago that the spectre of domination by the Arab oil producing states haunted the entire non-communist world.

The launching of oil prices on their voyage upward in 1973, portrayed by the Arabs as retaliation for U.S. support of Israel in the Yom Kippur War, led to so vast a transfer of wealth from the industrialized western countries to Opec lands that a global redistribution of political power was widely held imminent. Faced with this dire prospect, the western world was over a barrel.

Not any longer. Plummeting oil prices have now reached their 1973 level, and they may go down even further unless their fall is deliberately checked. Opec is in utter disarray, and Arab oil and petrodollar power has been broken.

This is a great immediate boon to economies, both developed and under-developed, that have for over a decade been ravaged by the impositions of the oil overlords. Poor oil-less Afro-Asians and rich industrialized Europeans and North Americans dependent on Middle East oil may now have the wherewithal to resume their economic growth. But the blessing is not unmixed, even for the U.S. Latin American oil producers that went heavily into debt to finance development projects will be even more hard-pressed than before to repay their American bankers. American exporters must already be finding the once bottomless Arab markets contracting and American oilmen who have had to shut their wells are crying foul. So, of course, would the Russians over their loss of oil income, if they felt free to speak their minds.

The impact on Israel will be both direct and indirect, and it too will not be unmixed.

One Middle Eastern country that stands to benefit enormously from falling oil prices is Turkey, whose recent official estrangement from Israel, and its popular turn towards Islamic fundamentalism, were a function of dependence on Arab oil. Now Turkey, which may also expect a larger flow of funds from the hundreds of thousands of its workers in Western Europe, may presumably afford to return to Europe and recapture the progressive legacy of Atatürk.

Israel's neighbour to the south, Egypt, is in a wholly different category. With income from the sale of domestic oil dropping, and with hundreds of thousands of its citizens employed in the oil states being sent home, overpopulated Egypt may be facing an economic catastrophe. This could lead to the growth of popular disaffection, and to the spread of fundamentalism, which in turn might threaten the hope of regional peace. This is the fear that no doubt underlies Premier Peres's proposal for a Middle Eastern "Marshall Plan."

The question that confronts Israel directly is, how best to use the savings from cheaper oil. The best answer would be to allocate the smaller part for the reduction of the price of oil for industrial purposes, while earmarking the bulk for vocational retraining, balancing the budget, and repaying heavy-interest foreign loans.

SUMMER TIME

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"thieves in the night playing dirty tricks."

Kaufman and Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, who serves as liaison with the coalition on behalf of the government, said that coalition members would be ordered to vote against all the bills if they were brought to the vote the same day.

Meanwhile Peretz approached Prime Minister Peres to protest that the entire move violated the coalition agreement. He asked Peres to intervene, but Peres referred him to Energy Minister Moshe Shalal, the second liaison with the coalition executive.

By the time the bills reached the plenum, the Labour members had left for their convention, and Deputy Speaker Dan Tichon announced that the vote would not take place before the Knesset adjourned for the day. Nonetheless Sarid presented his bill, and was to be followed by Gershon Shafat (Tehiya), the only other

sponsor present. At Tichon's request, Shafat agreed to defer his presentation.

Other bills were submitted by Alignment members, Mapam, Shinui and Hadash.

Aaron Sittner adds: Yesterday's petition to the High Court on summer time was made by the Manufacturers' Association, the Union of Chambers of Commerce, Tadiran Ltd., Tet-Bet Company, Gali Ltd. and the clothing companies group belonging to Yisrael Pollak.

Requesting that the court issue an order instituting summer time from April 18 to October 31, the group argues that energy conservation and worker productivity would be enhanced by summer time.

By basing his refusal to declare summer time on the failure of his committee to make a clear-cut recommendation, Peretz had acted "without the proper authority," the applicants say.

Pitfalls of ambition

TEDDY ARNOLD

That's what we have a procurement department for. What? Losses in production? Why, talk to the production manager.

Management must delegate authority - but it is the unenviable lot of top management to sit on the tail of all the little managers and department heads and not to only keep their noses to the grindstone, but make them show results.

WHEN THE chairman of the board of Sole Boneh was hauled on the only carpet a member of top management is ever hauled on in this country - the one in the studio of Israel Television - he pronounced weepily: "How could I fire 3,000

If a thing will not show a profit, drop it'

breadwinners?" Had the anchorman been more on the ball, he would have asked something like:

"Since you had no work for those breadwinners, where did you expect the money to pay them with to come from?"

The chairman, being an honest person, might have replied: "I expected the finance minister to print it and to give it to me."

You may well ask: "How did Danny Rosolio get to be chairman of the board of a firm employing tens of thousands of people?" Your first guess will probably be right - he is a nice man and he wanted the job.

When the anchorman, with quite un-Israeli candour, asked him if he were going to quit now that he had fouled up, Rosolio was speechless with indignation. What had he done? What's a small matter of \$400 million?

Rosolio is one of a crowd. Which brings us to our next question: Why are so many of our managers both inept and irresponsible?

Perhaps it's connected with the fact that Jews in this country have lived for centuries on handouts. Perhaps it's the long army service

which divides a job into a series of "missions to be accomplished." Perhaps it is our custom of handing any job over to somebody else as soon as it threatens to become routine. And perhaps it's the conviction first introduced with mother's milk (or the formula) that our boy will be an Einstein, a Toscanini, a Rockefeller.

The genius who invented the light bulb said his discovery was mostly the result of perspiration, not inspiration. Few and far between are the managers of ours who appreciate this kind of genius - for themselves, that is. And how great is the damage done to so many good ideas and viable enterprises by those great expectations, this damnable lust for power drained of responsibility and the capacity for taking pains!

WE ARE but poor relations of the country that invented the American dream. Few indeed are our natural resources. We export a little potash, some bromide, a few flowers and oranges. We polish some diamonds and not a few apples. Our electronic brainwaves are not entirely without competition. So what do we do to endear ourselves with those who are willing to buy our products? Work more painstakingly? Deliver a better or cheaper product? No. We cut corners.

What would you say is the difference between success and failure in the export business? I'd say just about 45 litres.

A local firm had an export order to the U.S. for, let's say, 30 concrete mixers of 485 litres capacity. They had patterns and dies for a mixer of 530 litres, so they built 30 mixers of 530 litres and sent them off - what the hell, boys, let's give 'em a little backsheesh. But no sale: according to U.S. regulations, this machine required an engine one size bigger. The mixers were sold for scrap. Those pesky Americans!

Was the manager fired? You guessed it.

The American dream is not so dreamlike anymore. A hundred years ago, it was 160 acres, the big sky, the moving frontier, pride and adventure. Today, it is the first million, the fifth million, tax shelters. But the stakes are still big. If you fail in business, you are a failure, and you may find it hard to get a job. If you fail in management, you are out on your ear, and you may end up as a sales clerk.

In our country, not one in a hundred, or a thousand, or ten thousand

Dry Bones



gets to be a millionaire. We are a land of failures. That is, if it is our collective ambition to become millionaires.

IF WE must have a competitive society - and it seems hard to avoid - let us look at the Swiss model. There, they have few would-be millionaires and even fewer factual ones. But then, they have no down-and-out poor like in the U.S. The average Swiss earns more than the average American. Why? He is better trained, more painstaking and more diligent. He thinks it natural for a person to earn his or her living by honest toil until age 65. All this in a country with almost no natural resources.

Who are all those Dannies, Rinas and Ramis who spoil so many broths? You know them. I know them. They are all around us, second cousins, pals from *milum*, the girl who borrows a cup of sugar; that promising lad who passed all the exams without ever studying, who had those two wonderful ideas right at his first job and who could never afterwards be at his desk by half past eight, or half past nine either, so they had to let him go. He's such a spellbinder, he has had eight or 10 jobs since, but he's never long out of

one, though top jobs in his line are getting scarce. Or the truck driver next door, you know, he was a very big earthmoving contractor in the South, he started with one old bulldozer and had equipment worth \$20 million and two restaurants when the tax people discovered he had never had a file. But he's just waiting in the wings till things quieten down, he's sure to get another business going. Or think of our last bank manager, one. She doubled turnover within the year, but then all those unsecured loans from Moshav Wharshi fell due, and she had to go.

It is time for a change, and not only on high - when isn't it time for a change on high? Perhaps not only time for a change of top personnel, but a change of heart. As the old Preacher said, There's a time to live and a time to die, a time to work and a time to laze around, or words to that effect.

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PROBLEMS WITH VOLUNTEERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The example set by Degania, Sha'ar Hagolan and Lehavot Habashan kibbutzim in deciding against accepting volunteers is to be admired and I hope that this is indeed the beginning of a trend in all kibbutzim.

The reason given for the decision, namely the volunteers' negative influence on the children, whilst true, is only the tip of the iceberg of

potential problems that lie ahead if the kibbutzim continue to work with volunteers. Whilst it may have been true in the early days that they acted as ambassadors for the kibbutz, they are now welcomed mainly as a cheap source of labour. They do the work that the kibbutzniks do not want to do, or work at very low rates, thereby preventing employment of local people.

S.M. CANNING
Kfar Hamaccabi.

KURT WALDHEIM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The revelations about Kurt Waldheim's Nazi past will enhance his chances of being elected Austria's next president.

May I remind my fellow Israelis that, in 1984, a poll was conducted about the feelings of the Austrian people (and reported then in The Jerusalem Post). It was established that 85 per cent of those interviewed frankly admitted to anti-Semitic leanings. Therefore, one can surmise that, to the overwhelming majority of the Austrians, Waldheim will make the ideal president.

JAKOV HOLZER
Haifa.

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